



03-12-04

PTO/SB/21 (08-00)

Approved for use through 08/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**TRANSMITTAL
FORM**

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	10/662,205	
	Filing Date	September 12, 2003	
	First Named Inventor	Rodney H. Thomas	
	Group Art Unit	Unknown	
	Examiner Name	Unknown	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission		Attorney Docket Number	9847-000007US

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)☐ Fee Transmittal Form☐ Fee Attached☒ Preliminary Amendment☐ After Final☐ Affidavits/declaration(s)☐ Extension of Time Request☐ Express Abandonment Request☐ Information Disclosure Statement☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)☐ Response to Missing Parts/
Incomplete Application☐ Response to Missing
Parts under 37 CFR
1.52 or 1.53☐ Assignment Papers
(for an Application)☒ Drawing(s) (9 sheets)☐ Licensing-related Papers☐ Petition☐ Petition to Convert to a
Provisional Application☐ Power of Attorney, Revocation
Change of Correspondence Address☐ Terminal Disclaimer☐ Request for Refund☐ CD, Number of CD(s) _____☐ After Allowance Communication to
Technology center (TC)☐ Appeal Communication to Board of
Appeals and Interferences☐ Appeal Communication to TC (*Appeal
Notice, Brief, Reply Brief*)☐ Proprietary Information☐ Status Letter☒ Other Enclosure(s)
(please identify below):**Return Postcard**

Remarks

Express Mail No. EL 961490024US**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT**Firm
or
Individual nameAnthony G. Fussner, 47,582
Harness, Dickey & Pierce, P.L.C.

Signature

Date

March 11, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1560 on the date shown below:

Typed or printed name

Anthony G. Fussner, 47,582

Signature

Date

March 11, 2004

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

EL 961490024US



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/662,205
Filing Date: September 12, 2003
Applicant: Rodney H. Thomas
Group Art Unit: Unknown
Examiner: Unknown
Title: COVERS, SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR
COVERING DECK COMPONENTS
Attorney Docket: 9847-000007/US

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, please consider the following.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

EL 961490024 US